

## SNAPSHOTS FROM THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The first four months of the school year provided many fun and exciting events and activities for the students at Barker Central School. Community service projects, Homecoming, Halloween, Thanksgiving, winter concerts and spirit weeks were just a few of the many highlights that have taken place this school year.



(Clockwise from upper left and L-R): The Barker HS Dance Class performs a Halloween routine. Logan Flint and Leo Volkosh present their Literary Pumpkins. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus performs at the Pratt Halloween assembly. Ariane Watts photo bombs Adalyn Snell, Erinn Lanighan and Isabella Becker at the junior high Halloween dance. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade band plays at the Halloween assembly.



## HIGH PRAISE FOR MUSIC STUDENTS

The Barker music program has already had a successful year. In addition to the high school fall concert, Elementary Halloween assembly, and the three holiday concerts December 11-13, our students have been busy with musical honors outside of school.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, five Barker students: Alexis Dauphinee, Shelby Dauphinee, Connor Dwyer, Sahara Holland and Julia Kalynycz, were selected to perform in the third annual Buffalo State College High School Honor Choir.

Olivia Voss and Addisyn Weller were selected to perform in the Jr. High Area All-State Treble Choir on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Akron Central School. This was the first of three NYSSMA events for which students are selected based on last year's NYSSMA Solo Festival Scores.

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Alexis Dauphinee, Shelby Dauphinee, Chloe Duchow, Connor Dwyer and Isabella Gatto performed for the Barker Veteran's Day dinner.

The Sr. High Area All-State festival was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at SUNY Fredonia. Naomi Bish and Alexis Dauphinee were selected for the Treble Chorus and Riley Marciszewski was selected for the Concert Band, playing Baritone.

Receiving an especially high honor was Julia Kalynycz (pictured top right). Julia was selected for the Conference All-State Mixed Chorus. This is the highest level of selection in the state. Julia spent December 5-8 in Rochester learning and performing with students from all over New York. She is the third Barker student to receive this honor in 15 years and, because of it, she is eligible for the Eastern Division Honors Ensembles held in Connecticut.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> forty-three students in grades 5-12 performed at the NCMEA solo festival at Lockport High School in hopes of gaining membership to the 2025 All-County Ensembles.

Congratulations to all of our phenomenal students for so much wonderful work!

*(Top-Bottom and L-R): Julia Kalynycz was selected for the Conference All-State Mixed Chorus. Olivia Voss and Addisyn Weller were members of the Jr. High Area All-State Treble Choir. Alexis Dauphinee and Naomi Bish were selected for the Sr. High Area All-State Treble Choir while Riley Marciszewski played Baritone in the Sr. High Area All-State Concert Band.*

